മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: ആവശ്യമുള്ളതാണോ അല്ലയോ എന്നുള്ളതു് അന്വേഷണത്തിലിരിക്കയാണു്.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There seems to be a very inordinate delay. May I know what that is due to?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There is no inordinate delay.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The representation was made two years back.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*) The matter is being seriously investigated.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സു്. പണിക്കർ: ആരാണു് ഇൻവെസ്റ്റിഗേറ്റ ചെയ്യുന്നു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: മുനിസിപ്പൽ കമ്മീഷണർ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സു്. പണിക്കർ: അദ്ദേഹത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ആക്ഷേപം വന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണോ ര ാ ക. ഗ്രേഡിൽഉള്ള ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: അല്ല.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* How can the Municipal Commissioner investigate?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The present Municipal Commissioner was not the Municipal Commissioner at that time.

WET LANDS—SILTING OF

395. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many acres of wet lands of Desamangalam, Pallur and other villages bordering on the Bharatha river are lying waste on account of the inability of the owners to remove the sand accumulated during the last inundation;

(*b*) what is the Government tax recovered on this acreage, annually and how long has this been recovered;

(*c*) if the Government have received applications from the owners for help in removing the sand in order to bring them under cultivation;

(*d*) what was the Government's reply to such applications;

(*e*) cannot this acreage be brought under the "Grow more food" compaign and be brought under cultivation?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) About 72 acres are lying silted up and uncultivated.

(*b*) About Rs. 450. This amount was being recovered every year except in the year in which remission of assessment either complete or partial was granted.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The request was not allowed as the cost involved was too heavy compared with the benefits derived.

(*e*) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether any benefit could be derived by the Government taking up these inundated lands?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Benefit to whom?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is the benefit derived?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is to the cultivators.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government collected Rs. 450 from the lands for no fault of cultivator. Is it not unconscionable?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is absolutely conscionable. If he wants to keep pattah lands in his possession without relinquishment he has to pay the tax. It is left to him to relinquish and not to pay tax.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it that the Government will be pleased to take a surrender of the lands?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is absolutely nothing new in this. There is definite rule in the Land Revenue Manual. If it is relinquished it will be accepted. No statement from the Government is necessary. That is the rule.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether in the case of those persons concerned in class (*a*) if they give a statement that they do want to surrender. Will the Government be pleased to take possession or at least relieve them?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* The applicant must satisfy the conditions laid down in the Land Revenue Manual. I do not carry them in my head. If you want I shall get the book and tell you.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know what are the main conditions, Sir ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to refund the tax collected?

Mr. A Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Not at all.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: എങ്ങിനെ പാട്ടം കിട്ടുന്ന ഭൂമികളാണ്"?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: മണ്ണ് വീണിട്ട് എത്ര കാലമായി?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I think it began in 1099. There may be additions or subtractions.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: കാട്ടുകൃഷിക്ക് അധികം പണം ചിലവാക്കിയതിനേക്കാൾ എളുപ്പമല്ലേ ഈ മണ്ണ് മാറ്റി കൃഷിചെയ്യുന്നത്":

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is a matter of opiniorn.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ഭക്ഷണസാധനങ്ങൾ കൂടുതലായി ആവശ്യമുള്ള ഇക്കാലത്ത്" അതിലെ മണൽ നീക്കി കൃഷി ചെയ്യിക്കുവാൻ സൌകര്യമില്ലേ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is also a matter of opinion, namely whether the benefit to be derived will be commensurate to the expenditure involved.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know the approximate cost of reclamation of these lands?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know whether the application was for the actual cost to be incurred or only for a subsidy just to help the applicant?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There was no question of subsidy.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* The entire cost applied for or only some help at the hands of the Government?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* No question of help. If help was wanted, it would certainly be granted.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to give them some subsidy ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is a matter which will be considered if a request is made.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether these 72 acres of land lie uncultivated that is the principal answer, whether that is the total lands boarding the Bharatha river, and lying in Cochin territory. Can we take it that this is the sum total or is it only a small fraction of such lands?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is the sum total of the lands lying contiguous to the other portion of the Bharatha river. Suppose you contemplate some other village near Thiruvilwamala which has been included, I think the reasonable interpretation would be to take areas contiguous to each other. In that case it is an extent of 72 acres.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, how the Government arrived at this ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* By investigation by the sub-ordinate officers of the Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Which villages please ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Villages of Pullur and Desamangalam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it, Sir, that reference to these two villages please?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Revenue is aware of the existence of Cochin lands bordering Bharatha river in other villages.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I said it is. Panjal and Cheruthuruthi are all villages which border the Bharatha river.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the Government have not got figures as to what is the extent of Cochin lands silted by floods in 1099?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice. The Chief Engineer says that this is the only one which is silted up.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Shall we take it that the silting of the land it has become uncultivable in these two villages?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That is the position of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know why in the Bharatha river nature has been particularly unkind to these two villages?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That is the special view of the river.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether there are lands of the kind in Tiruvilwamala village?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There may be I. But the calcualtion did not take in those sides.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether it is not the duty of the village officer under the Diwan Peishkar to report about such damage being done to the respective villages?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* O Yes. But not in an answer of this kind.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for revenue has got any such report, from any of the authority except the public?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether this will be prevented?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We tried to do some protective work in that place in 1102 and 1103 but it was not successful. Unless we spent a very large amount of money in the matter of putting up groynes, it will not be possible to protect this area. We tried the question of constructing an earthen bund. Then we found that the earthen bund however will be constructed is liable to be over topped by any subsequent flood and the protection we had at an enormous cost would not really be useful for that land and further the very fact that only a very small extent of 72 acres is involved and so thought it may not be wise in spending a large sum in protecting that area.

HOUSE RENT CONTROL ORDER

396. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when the House Rent Control Order came into force in the State;

(*b*) who is the authority to settle the fair rent and eviction suits;

(*c*) was the jurisdiction taken away from the civil courts;

(*d*) if so, when and why;

(*e*) the number of petitions filed till now in each of the municipalities in the State and the number of disposal?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) The Cochin House Rent Control Order came into force in the State on 18th Medam 1117/1st May 1942.

(*b*) The authority to settle fair rent and eviction suits is the Controller who is the Tahsildar of the Taluk in which the area to which this order is extended is situated, subject to the appellate authority of the Diwan Peishkar.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) By notification No. 48, dated 23rd September 1944/7th Kanni 1120. This was done as an emergency measure under rule 81 (2) b of the Defence of India Rules.

(*e*) The information is being collected and it is not yet complete.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Subsequent to this I received a report I shall read it. Trichur 3 petitions for settlement of fair rent and 47 petitions for evictions; the petitions for settlement of fair rent were all disposed of. Only one petition for eviction settled. The others came in during the end of the second quarter or the beginning of the third quarter 1120. They are posted to 6th and 15th of Meenam. As soon as the hearing is finished

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